

## SESAC General Meeting

Johns Hopkins University/Center for Technology in Education  
6740 Alexander Bell Drive, Columbia, MD 21046  
10:00a.m. – 1:00p.m.  
March 21, 2013

### MINUTES

- Attendee:** Mary Baskar, Chair, Kelly Meissner, Co-Chair, Rhonda Creecy, Dawn Koplos, Pam Hardy-Cyran, Carol Strootman, Sarah Wayland, Donna Riccobono, and Patricia Skelly
- Excused:** Rachel London, Sharon Glass, Lori Hall-Underwood, Claudette LeBlanc, Marlo Lemon, Amy Morales, Eileen Watson, Jacqueline Powell, Dorie Flynn, Denise Stamp, Kathy Kaufman, Sandra Newcombs
- Guests:** Yvonne Hu-Cotto, Lon Gritty
- Staff:** Marcella Franczkowski, Allen Perrigan, Ronald Boone, Alice Harris, and Clara Coleman

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Ms. Mary Baskar, Chair opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

#### **I. Welcome Remarks and Introductions**

Mary Baskar, Chair welcomed all members and guests.

#### **II. Assistant State Superintendent's Update (Marcella Franczkowski)**

- a. Marcella Franczkowski discussed the Senate Bill 932/House Bill 932 Child Care Centers-Dispute Resolution that requires MSDE to create formal complaint process.
- Maryland State Board supports with amendments
  - Senate Hearing, Feb 28
  - House Hearing, March 6
  - i. She presented Implementation Updates listed below:
    - March 28, 2013  
Board meeting to adopt proposed Part C COMAR regulations
    - May/June 2013  
Republish in Maryland Register
    - July 1, 2013  
Proposed effective date of implementation
    - May 15, 2014

Submission of revised written local policies and procedures\*

\*The 2014 submission of local policies and procedures does not relieve a local Infants and toddlers Program from implementation Part C COMAR on the proposed effective date of July 1, 2013.

- ii. She presented the update on Autism Waiver Increase listed below:
  - \$1 million increase for Maryland's Autism Waiver;
  - 100 additional slots;
  - 900 current slots;
  - 3,900+ children on Registry – waiting to apply; and
  - 9,320 students in Maryland have an autism spectrum disorder.
- iii. She presented the update on the Strategic Plan Document Design listed below:
  - Our Purpose;
  - Planning Principles;
  - Focus; and
  - Strategies/Goals.

**III. Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2013 Federal Application (Ron Boone)**

Everyone received a copy of the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) proposed FFY 2013 State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds. The application includes a checklist of assurances that Maryland will have policies and procedures in effect to comply with the requirements of IDEA by July 1, 2013. In accordance with the general Education Provisions Act (GEPA), Maryland is required to make the proposed State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds available for public review for 60 days and to accept comments for at least 30 days. The FFY 2013 State Application for IDEA Part B Federal Funds is available for review from March 1, 2013 through May 1, 2013, on the MSDE website at <http://marylandpublicschools.org>.

**IV. Parent Survey and Toolkit (Alice Harris)**

Beginning April 8, 2013 – May 17, 2013 the Survey will be available to parents of children ages 3 through 21 who are receiving special education and related services through their local school system for the current school year. Parents will have the option of completing the paper Survey they receive or completing the Survey on the Internet.

- A. Look for a Parent Involvement Survey Promotional Materials Toolkit to be sent via email to Local School systems and community agencies during the third week of March. The purpose of the toolkit is:
  - To inform parent about the purpose and importance of completing the Parent Involvement Survey;
  - To highlight the importance of parental involvement and engagement; and home/school and community partnerships;
  - To collaborate with community agencies to assist MSDE in promoting the parent Involvement Survey;
  - To increase the Parent Involvement Survey response rate; and

- To promote Maryland Learning Links (MLL) as a resource for parents and caregivers.

B. The Toolkit will include:

- Link to MLL Parent Survey site that will contain a Parent Survey Podcast, and additional promotional materials;
- Promotional banners that can be posted on your website;
- Articles/updates about the Survey to include in monthly newsletters or to post online; and
- Flyers to be distributed at IEP meetings and to local schools within your jurisdiction.

V. Comments/Open Discussion (Mary Baskar)

The officers for next year will be Kelly Meissner as Chair and Rhonda Creecy as Vice Chair. At the Executive Team meeting on May 16' 2013 at Maryland State Department of Education, Conference Room 907 they will decide the schedule for the next four meeting.